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is basically new language. Just to give you an idea, on Page 19, subsection 2 of Section 16, which is lines 16 through 22, the Department of Administrative Services shall be the sole and final authority on leases of property by the using agency. This for the first time forces this Department to take a look at the leases before they are approved and so if you are interested in the muscle in this bill, you can find it on Page 19. #2 and #3 of the explanation, once again, requiring public notice in bidding, you find on Page 19, subsection 1 and subsection 3 and finally #4, which puts two additional elements into bidding, you will find on Page 10, which talks about the life cost of the article and the performance of the article. Now, Mr. President, members of the Legislature, those are the four points. Those are the sections involved and, unless there are questions, I renew my motion to advance the bill as amended to E & R Initial.

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I have a couple of questions. One, in the provisions of this bill since we are giving the control of leasing....

PRESIDENT: Senator Lewis, could the Chair interrupt you for a matter of a very high priority to the body.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Sure. Sure.

PRESIDENT: If you will direct your attention to the Chairman of the Board, he is being delivered a cake for some reason or other. How old are you? Would you yield, as the body likes to say. How old are you, Senator.

SENATOR MAHONEY: 39, but my face is red. I don't know where this come from but I've got some idea over here.

PRESIDENT: Well, before you sit down, could you say some Latin over it to make sure it doesn't have any calories? Life of a Senator is tough. Senator Lewis, proceed.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: Thank you, Mr. Chairman. I'd like to, first of all, extend my birthday greetings and wishes to the Godfather and wish him many more and I will do that on a personal basis later. Those that wish to kiss the ring may stand in line. Now, Mr. Chairman, I have a couple of questions for Senator Marvel. One of the concerns, I think, that has been expressed in regard to leases goes a little beyond this, Senator Marvel, and that is, if we are giving the authority of leasing to the Department of Administrative Services, have we devised a method to provide for compliance not only of leasing but of where those agencies will be? For instance, I know we have run into this a number of times and I think it is going to be very important to us, particularly with the coming of the state office building in Lincoln, the state office building in Omaha, hopefully, the new state office building in North Platte and the Miscellaneous Subjects Committee tried to address that question. First of all, not only have we shored up the leasing procedure but have we shored up the procedure to make sure that agencies go to space that is provided for them particularly by this Legislature.